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- e. A Sovietnik has been assigned.
2. Apollensdorf near Wittenberg/Elbe. Category C (armored) Bereitschaft. Chief: Oberpolizeierrat Henkler (non-commissioned officer in the German Army - instructor of tank drivers).
- a. Personnel is housed in well kept, solid buildings, formerly occupied by workers of the ammunition plant in Reinsberg. The buildings are located in a wood at the edge of Apollensdorf. Within the area there are some private houses left with appr. 10 families living in them. Requests to have them evacuated have thus far remained unavailing. Activities during duty hours can be observed from those houses.
 - b. Building plans for 1950 call for garages and a repair shop for armored vehicles.
 - c. Equipped with small arms and light machine guns.
 - d. Armored vehicles: One T 34, self-propelled mount Russian, one self-propelled mount (Russian make) with a 7.62 gun; Eight light tanks, type "Churchill", armed with MG's.
 - e. Shortage of driving instructors and other technical personnel.
 - f. No gasoline allotted for training purposes. A limited emergency supply.
 - g. All equipment and vehicles for training purposes only.
 - h. Terrain for training purposes (incl. the operation of armored equipment) adequate. Permission to use this terrain will have to be obtained from the owners of the Nitrogen Plant at Plesteritz, a Soviet AG.
 - i. General impression of the "Objekt" is favorable. The personnel behaves in a disciplined manner. Quarters are kept clean.
 - j. The chief of the Bereitschaft is qualified for his position.
 - k. The Sovietnik is a major in the armored branch of the Soviet Army. His assistant is a lieutenant in the MVD (presumably MGB).
3. Erfurt - Category A Bereitschaft. Chief: Oberpolizeierrat Helbing.
- a. Housed in a former monastery on the Petersberg. A solid, old stone building, providing adequate living space. The building plan for 1950 provides for the construction of a quartermaster building and a day-room.
 - b. Drill grounds available. The former garrison training grounds are at a far distance and currently occupied by the Army of occupation. Rifle range available.
 - c. Normal category A armament.
 - d. One Sovietnik.

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4. Gera - Category A Bereitschaft. Chief: Oberpolizeirat Moschinski
 - a. Housed in factory buildings, formerly "Technische Werke", located in the Lugon district. Housing facilities good and plentiful.
 - b. Drill grounds and training areas. Rifle range available.
 - c. Up to T/O strength.
 - d. One Sovietnik.
5. Weissenfels - Category A Bereitschaft. Chief: Oberpolizeirat Meyer.
 - a. Housed in military compound. Sufficient living space.
 - b. Training area adequate. Rifle range available.
 - c. Normal category A armament.
 - d. One Sovietnik.
6. Apolda, Thuringia. Category B (Artillery) Bereitschaft. Chief: Oberpolizeirat Rös.
 - a. Bereitschaft quartered in good solid buildings, formerly a textile factory.
 - b. Drill fields have to be levelled before they can be used. No training areas available. In order to obtain land for this purpose private property will have to be touched. Firing ranges will have to be constructed.
 - c. Equipped with small arms and machine guns. Heavy weapons: 1 Light Field Howitzer 18 and 1 75mm Anti-Tank Gun for training purposes only. A total of 12 guns scheduled.
 - d. Among the staff officers are no artillery experts. It is contemplated to replace the staff with professionals in the near future.
 - e. The Bereitschaft is up to strength.
 - f. One Sovietnik.